

Bring on the beef

May is beef month across the United States, and with it comes the beginning of outdoor grilling and summer activities.

Kicking off the Cook-Off

I would like to encourage all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their parents to start thinking about the 2006 Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef®* (CAB®) Cook-Off in Indianapolis, Ind., at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in July. The Cook-Off Contest is sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), and this year marks the 23rd contest.

The Cook-Off competitions include fresh meat, which includes any available cut of CAB; deli meat; and Quick-N-Easy.[™] In the intermediate division of the fresh meat competition, the winning team members will be awarded the Pat Grote LEAD Award. This scholarship can be used at the upcoming Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference hosted by the NJAA. The deli meat competition includes roast beef, corned beef and pastrami. The Quick-N-Easy competition choices include barbecue beef, chili, frankfurters, meatloaf, frozen hamburger patties, pot roast, top sirloin steak and prime rib.

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Each state is allowed one team per competition, per age division. The Cook-Off contest is one of the most eventful, educational and competitive activities during the NJAS. The high team overall will be awarded the distinguished Black Kettle

Award in memory of Paul St. Blanc. The Cook-Off is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the 4-H building.

Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky., and Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., coordinate the contest. Entry forms and guidelines can be obtained from Schubert at (502) 477-2663. Recipes and names, addresses and ages of participants need to be received by June 1 for the contest.

Awarding excellence

The Auxiliary will award \$10,000 in scholarships this year to five male and five female winners at the awards program on Friday night during the NJAS. Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, scholarship chairman, will award scholarships in the amounts of \$1,200 for first; \$1,050 for second; \$1,000 for third; \$900 for fourth; and \$850 for fifth.

The Auxiliary will also present the Silver Pitcher Awards, which are awarded to one male and one female based on their overall points in the showring. The Janet Castle Crystal Award will be awarded to one male and one female based on their overall placings in the NJAA contests. This award is in memory of Janet Castle, who was one of the founders of the scholarship fund and served as president of the Auxiliary in 1962. The Pat Grote Belt Buckle Award will be given to the top intermediate division winner in extemporaneous speaking, and the Richard L. Spader Memorial Belt Buckle Award will be given to the top senior

extemporaneous speaker. The Auxiliary will also award the top five contestants in the 2006 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest Silver Revere Bowls.

Gathering memories

During the weeklong NJAS activities, we will be holding our annual midyear meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, in Grand

Hall. Our meeting theme will be "Making a Difference." We have changed the time of this meeting to accommodate the day's busy show schedule. I hope you will make plans to attend.

Mother's Day is celebrated May 14 this year. The livelihood we all enjoy by raising Angus cattle and the role our mothers and grandmothers have played in our lives are special things we should appreciate and not take for granted! Growing up in a ranching family, I have cherished the years of working and showing cattle, my mother's cherry pie, and my grandmother's cinnamon rolls. Memories are what life is made of, and the good ones are to be kept close to our hearts and passed on from generation to generation.

As we go through the month and celebrate the day set aside for mom and grandma, let's not forget to say "thank you" for all they have done. In my case, they are included in three generations of ranching women. To this I say, "Thank you" for the lifestyle, cattle business and the life that I so truly enjoy! Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers!

Parting quote

"We are shaped and fashioned by what we love." — author unknown

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Juniors earn Achievement Awards

The American Angus Auxiliary recognizes youth for their accomplishments with Angus cattle by awarding them a Certificate of Achievement. While the Auxiliary intends to report all winners in the May youth-focused issue of the *Angus Journal*, not all states had submitted their winners at press time. The *Angus Journal* will publish other Achievement Award winners within the "Next Generation" column as they become available.

The following junior members have been awarded Achievement Awards:

Arkansas Haley Rieff

Paige Tribble Katlyn Tunstill

Colorado

Cashley Ahlberg Molly Cooksey Sarah Cooksey Theresa Craig Brandon Creamer **Britney Creamer** Josh Docheff **Curtis Doubet** Allie Esch Amanda Grilli Holly Heckendorf **Daniel Howell** Lindsey Lawson Erin Marvin Sarah Marvin **Dusty Miller** Michael Rea leff Sterkel

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Joel Allison Stephanie Arp Lauren Barker **Tyler Becker** Weston Brandt loe Burns Ben Claussen Bridget Driscoll Bryanne Duckett Zane Gray Cole Greiman Kyle Greiman Zach Greiman Eric Harvey Madison Henderson **Tyler Henderson** Maggie Hougland Katie Jensen Kade Knapp Justin Kress Ashlev Kuehn **Caitlin Kuehn** Denae Leonard Glen Mommsen Laura Mommsen Michael Murphy Trent Murphy Jordan Paulsrud Ty Ruby Wesley Ruby Jason Salton Alexandria Sarsfield

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Michigan Erika Boehmer Evan Boehmer **Ricka Boehmer Hope Bordner** Ben Canfield Andrew Foster Danielle Foster Benjamin Goheen Mitch Goheen **Chelsea Ruggles** Wren Schroeder **Julie Thelen Renee Thelen** Paige Tuggle Patricia Vaassen Rachael Vaassen Seth Vance

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Ohio

Justin Bachman Tori Binckley Aimee Bockelman Auston Bockelman **Clayton Bockelman Taylor Bockelman** Jared Brosey Justin Brosey Hannah Burmeister Kathryn Cavendish Kristen Clarke Britani Cottingim Sarah Davis Lincoln Deitrick Logan Deitrick **Nicole De Vlugt** Seth De Vlugt **Christina Egner** Lorraine English Eric Gahler Janene Gahler Lauren Grimes **Lindsey Grimes**

Bailey Harsh Will Harsh Kaitlyn Hinds Camila Hutchinson Megan Kalb **Colton Kreager Dennis Majors** Kerrie Miller Jordan Moore Jordon Mullett Brandee Painter **Cliff Riehm Cassidy Ruff Dustin Schroeder** Jonathan Sforza Ma Kayla Shriner **Dillon Stertzbach** Caid Unger Vince Untied Sarah Wogan **Casey Wagner** Jerilyn Wagner Nicole Wallace Erin Ward Megan Weisel **Tyler Wise**

Texas

Megan Ahearn **Kyle Carpenter** Dan Crownover Gretchen Ettredge Tammy Ettredge Kevin Gleason Justin Ingalls Jentry Jaggers Jill Jaggers **Reyse Jatzlau** Austin John C.A. Jones Carissa Jones **Tyler Jones** Katy Kemp Kyle Kemp **Mollie Lastovica** Stephanie Lastovica Havlev Marx **Charlie Rochester** Katy Satree Jennifer Smith Ashley Stevenson Wade Wells Zach Wells **Brazos Williams Tylee Jo Williams**

Virginia Shane Clary